MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Range Officer made the necessary enquiries.

Leasing of Kanni Elam Gardens.

224 *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the conditions under which Kanni *Elam* Gardens are leased out?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A copy of the Rules containing the conditions is placed on the table.

Veterinary Hospital in Nedumangad taluk.

225 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any action has been taken to start a veterinary hospital or dispensary in the Nedumangad taluk; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the agriculturists in the taluk feel the necessity for a veterinary hospital or dispensary there?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government placed the proposal before the Finance Committee. It was not passed by the Committee.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it was the official members or the non-official members of the Finance Committee that opposed the proposal?

PRESIDENT: Are the Proceedings of the Finance Committee public property? Are they being published?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes.

PRESIDENT: Have they been published?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No.

PRESIDENT: Wait until they are published. You will get material for a number of questions. Nedumangad might not have been treated fairly by the Finance Committee. (*Laughter.*)

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reasons that weighed with the Finance Committee in not passing this proposal?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Want of funds

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether, when funds become available, Government will reconsider this matter?

PRESIDENT: That is hypothetical. When funds become available, there may arise other matters more important than Nedumangad (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If the Government knew that funds were not available, may I know why the matter was placed before the Finance Committee at all?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): For the funds available, the Finance Committee considered other matters more urgent than this.

Vide Appendix VII.

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Appendix VII.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 224**

R. Dis. No. 1825 of 27/Development.

NOTIFICATION.

REVISED RULES REGARDING THE LEASE OF CARDAMOM GARDENS IN THE KANNI ELAM TRACT SANCTIONED BY HER HIGHNESS THE MAHA RANI REGENT OF TRAVANCORE, UNDER DATE THE 30TH JULY 1927/14TH KARKATAKAM 1102.

1. The Cardamom Gardens in the Kanni Elam Tract as per Revenue Survey shall be leased for a period of twenty years on an annual rental of Bh. Rs. (4) four only per acre with effect from the 1st Chingom 1103.

2. All the gardens in the possession of an individual ryot, whether situated in the same *tavalam* or in different *tavalams*, shall constitute a single holding.

3. The entire area of each holding shall be subject to the rent at the rate specified above, whether the whole of that area is or has been under cultivation or not. Where a ryot is unwilling to accept this condition, he shall relinquish the whole holding.

4. Subject to the payment of the annual rent, the produce of the holding shall be the property of the ryot concerned.

5. The rent for the first year shall be payable before execution of the agreement, and that for the succeeding years before the first Karkadakam previous to the year for which the rent is due.

6. The produce of the holding shall be regarded as security for the rent on the holding.

7. The rent on the holdings being public revenue due on land, will be recovered under the provisions of Regulation 1 of 1068.

8. A schedule of the immovable properties belonging to the lessee and in his possession and enjoyment shall be given in the *muchilika* and they shall be made security for any liabilities against the cardamom lessee.

9. If a ryot without sufficient cause shall be in arrears at the end of the Malabar year, it shall be open to the Divisional Forest Officer to assume the holding subject to the sanction of the Conservator of Forests.

10. The cardamom gardens shall be exclusively cultivated with cardamom and the forest comprised in each holding shall not be cleared or otherwise interfered with for purposes of any other crop.

11. No transfer of the holding or any portion thereof shall be made without the previous permission of the Conservator. But occupancy right may be transferred with such permission.

12. The relinquishment of holdings is permitted, provided the rent due on such holdings up to the date of relinquishment has been paid.

13. Each ryot shall execute a *muchilika* before the 1st Chingom 1103 binding himself to the above conditions when the holding will be registered in the rent-roll and a *patta* granted according to prescribed form by the Conservator.

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14. The forests in Kanni Elam Tract are reserved under the Forest Regulation. Any interference with them, except for purposes permitted by these Rules, shall be dealt with under the above Regulation. Any person entering the cardamom gardens without a pass will be treated as a trespasser under the Forest Regulation.

15. The ryot shall not collect any produce from outside the area leased to him and any violation of this provision will entail the cancellation of his lease, besides the penalties under the Forest Regulation and Rules.

16. The ryot shall take care of the survey stones marking boundaries of the area leased to him and if any survey stones are found missing, fresh ones shall be planted at his cost.

17. Ryots may collect firewood with the permission of the Divisional Forest Officer.

18. If any ryot contravenes any of the foregoing rules or any other rules which may be passed from time to time, it shall be competent to the Conservator to take over his holding and deal with it in any manner he deems fit.

19. The leases under this land tax system shall be tentative and be in force for a period of twenty years after which it shall be competent to Government to revise the assessment or restore the monopoly or otherwise deal with the gardens as they think necessary.

Huzur Cutchery,
Trivandrum, 16th August 1927.

M. E. WATTS,
Dewan.

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